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5. What would you suggest as the best guarantee of permanent peace for Europe after this war? What can the churches do toward securing it?

6. Do you approve of the agitation for increasing armaments now being conducted by various organizations, or do you agree with President Wilson that any agitation of "America's Unpreparedness for War" is unfortunate at just this stage? We should be glad to know your frank opinion on the whole question of the United States and Armament. Should we follow Europe or should we find some new way, and lead the nations?

### Song of the Battleships.

By C. F. Harper.

Mind of man, what have you wrought  
From the ribs of mother earth—  
From the soil that gave you birth?  
Mind of man, what have you wrought?

You have builded mighty navies; you have made the sea  
your slave,  
And the booming of your cannon strikes the crest of every  
wave;

You have dug into the bowels of the earth's eternal hills,  
Tearing out the stubborn metals for the grinding of your  
mills;

For the forging of your hammers, for the blowing of your  
blasts,  
For the making of your armor, for the building of your  
masts;

For the guns whose rolling thunders frighten half a world  
in awe,  
Shouting out the fateful message, "Right is Might, and  
Might is Law."

Oh, the guns, great guns,  
Shooting forty million tons;  
Shooting death, and shooting hell!  
Aim, you gunners, aim them well.

You have slaved a million freemen for the digging of your  
coal,  
For your engines throbbing wildly, like a panting human  
soul.

You have chained the ragged lightning, and you hold it in  
your hand;  
By the pressing of a button you can devastate a land.

Oh, the fury of your anger! Oh, the pent-up seas of blood  
That shall wet the ocean's battles with a gory human flood!

Oh, the booming of your cannon! Oh, the millions you  
shall slay,  
When the wrath of man is loosened in a frightful judgment  
day!

Mind of man, what have you wrought,  
From the ribs of mother earth—  
From the soil that gave you birth?  
Mind of man, what have you wrought?

### The North Carolina Peace Convention.

By J. J. Hall.

The third annual convention of the North Carolina Peace Society was held in the city of Raleigh, N. C., February 19-21, 1915.

The convention opened at noon on Friday, the 19th, with a great peace rally in the magnificent city auditorium, with more than two thousand children from the

city public schools in attendance. Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction and president of the North Carolina Peace Society, presided over the meeting and introduced the speaker of the day, Miss Katherine Devereux Blake, of the New York City public schools.

Miss Blake's address showed in a very forceful manner the necessity of peace for a nation's true greatness, and the important part which the public schools should take in the promotion of peace rather than war. It abounded with telling illustrations, and was greatly enjoyed. The singing by the school children was a very pleasing feature of the meeting, as was the reading of Kipling's "Recessional," by Miss Florence Davis, teacher of elocution in St. Mary's School at Raleigh.

On Friday night, in Meredith College Auditorium, the State Intercollegiate Peace Oratorical Contest took place, under the direction of Prof. F. S. Blair. Dr. J. J. Hall presided over the meeting. The following colleges sent contestants to represent them in the contest: A. and M. College, Atlantic Christian, Davidson, Elon, Guilford, Lenoir, Trinity, Wake Forest, and the State University. The first prize of \$75 was awarded to Mr. S. L. Sadler, of Atlantic Christian College. His subject was "The New Empire." The second prize of \$50 was awarded to Mr. Earl Prevette, of Wake Forest College. His subject was "Is War Rational?"

The closing meeting of the convention was held in the First Baptist Church, on Sunday afternoon, with Dr. Joyner presiding. A fine musical program was rendered by Meredith College Choir and the Orpheus Club, under the direction of Prof. Gustav Hagedorn. Addresses were made by Mr. Arthur D. Call and by Hon. Locke Craig, governor of North Carolina and honorary president of the North Carolina Peace Society. Both of these addresses were of a very high order, and received the close attention of the intelligent audience.

At the meeting on Saturday, Mrs. Mary E. M. Davis and Mrs. T. W. Lingle presented very strong papers, Mrs. Davis representing the W. C. T. U. and Mrs. Lingle the State Federation of Woman's Clubs. Dr. T. P. Harrison made an able address and Mrs. T. A. Goodno gave a very interesting report of the peace parade of the W. C. T. U. at its national convention, recently held in Atlanta.

An appropriate aftermath of this convention was a great meeting at the Baptist Tabernacle on Sunday night, when Dr. J. J. Hall, who was for a number of years pastor of this church, related his thrilling experience in the war zone last summer. The large auditorium was filled with an interested audience. Mr. A. D. Call also made a stirring address at this time.

The officers of the North Carolina Peace Society for the ensuing year are as follows: Honorary president, Governor Locke Craig; president, Dr. Charles Lee Smith; vice-presidents, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Hon. James Sprunt, and Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard; treasurer, Hon. Jos. G. Brown; secretary, John D. Berry.

The following resolutions were adopted by the North Carolina Peace Society at its third annual session:

Whereas, the North Carolina Peace Society is holding its third annual convention at a time when more than one-half of the world's population is engaged in the most terrible war of the ages, threatening the peace and happiness of the whole human race; therefore, be it resolved,